

Resolution Number 1

GTA Mayors and Chairs January 17, 2014

Whereas On December 22, the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and other parts of the Province of Ontario suffered an extreme weather event

And whereas during this event, a severe ice storm affected many of the municipalities in the GTA, resulting in loss of electricity, road and sidewalk blockages, thousands of downed and damaged trees, and widespread disruption to municipal services and the lives of residents and the operations of businesses

And whereas those municipalities have incurred significant costs to respond to the immediate public safety issues

And whereas those municipalities are facing a costly and lengthy recovery period to deal with the debris and damage to the tree canopy as a consequence of the ice storm

And whereas many municipalities through the Province have applied to the Province for financial assistance through ODRAP

And whereas there is concern that the ODRAP program does not adequately recognize and respond to the full cost of extreme weather events, especially in a time where extreme weather is expected to be more frequent and intense due to the impacts of climate change

And whereas on January 17 in response to the storm, the GTA Mayors and Chairs came together in a co-ordinated approach to asking for financial assistance

Therefore be it resolved that

1. The Provincial and Federal governments share equally in this disaster with municipalities by each funding 1/3 of the full cost of response and ongoing recovery from the ice storm for affected municipalities.
2. That the Provincial and Federal governments treat all applicable municipalities equally and equitably.
3. That the Provincial and Federal governments recognize the urgency of this matter and provide a response by March 1, 2014.
4. That this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, the local Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Resolution Number 2

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The Provincial and Federal governments establish new programs and expand existing programs to address disaster mitigation involving forestry, erosion control, winter storms, tree canopy, and other severe storm events, that reflect the reality of climate change and such programs to include funding for rehabilitation of municipal infrastructure to mitigate this and future environmental and storm event impacts.

That this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Prime Minister of Canada, the local Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.